Cotton Corporation of India to be operated by it from time to time keeping in view the prevailing prices. During the cotton season 1990-91, 11.90 lakh bales of cotton were exported.

(c) Government's endeavour is to fully meet the requirements of the domestic textile industry before releasing quotas for export of cotton.

Supply silk yarn at reasonable rate

1006. SHRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state: what steps have been taken by Government to ensure supply of standard silk yarn at reasonable rates to all producers of silk cloth in view of the unprecendented hike in prices of silk yarn after the presentation of the Budget proposals in July last?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GELHOT): One of the main reason for the recent increase in prices of raw silk in the local markets is the outbreak of pebrine disease mainly in the rearing areas of silk producing states of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. This has affected the availability of raw silk in the country. While the various remedial measures being taken by the Central Silk Board (C.S.B.) in collaboration with the concerned State Governments are expected to help improving the availability of raw silk and controlling the price, a proposal to import 200 M. Tonnes of raw silk is also under consideration.

12.00 Noon

(THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN IN THE CHAIR)

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. Notification of the Ministry of Surface Transport under major Port Trusts Act, 1963.

II. Notification of the Ministry of Surface Transport publishing the National Welfare Board for seafarers (Amendment) Rules, 1991

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TAANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): Madam, I lay on the Table:—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Surface Transport (Ports Wing), under sub-section (4) of section 124 of the Major Port Trusts Act, 1963:—

(1) G.S.R. No. 308(E) date the 12th June, 1991, approving the New Mangalore Port Trusts Employees (Conduct) Fourth Amendment Regulations, 1991.

(2) G.S.R. No. 314(E), dated the 21st 1991, approving the Paradip Port Employees (Recruitment, Seniority and Promotion) (Amendment) Regulations, 1991.

(3) G.S.R. No. 322 (E) dated the 28th June, 1991, approving the Madras Port Trust (Pension Fund) (Third Amendment) Regulations, 1991.

(4) G.S.R. No. 326(E), dated the 2nd July, 1991, approving the Kandla Port Employees (Allotment of Residence) Amendment Regulations, 1991.

(5) G.S.R. No. 506(E), dated the 26th July, 1991 approving the Tuticorin Port Trust (Recruitment of Head of Department) Regulations, 1991.

(6) G.S.R. No. 510(E) dated the 26th July, 1991, approving the Visakhapatnam Port Employees' (Temporary Service) Regulations, 1991.

(7) G.S.R. No. 561(E), dated the 11th September, 1991. approving the Calcutta Port Trust Employees' (Other than Haldia Dock Complex) (Recruitment, Seniority and Promotion) Fifth Amendment Regulations, 1991 and Calcutta Pilot Service (Other than Haldia Dock